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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2458

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, PRP MESSENGER MEETING CONSUL MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA AT 0830 HOURS LOCAL SATURDAY, 12 JULY, TO TAKEMY REPLY TO STEVEN SMITH.

2. AFTER AFTERNOON SESSION WITH PARENT NORMAN HUNTER, RELEASED STUDENTS CARRIE JANE HUNTER AND EMILIE BERGMANN, DAVID HAMBURG, DEREK BRYCESON AND EMBOFFS, WE HAVE AGREED UPON TWO COURSES OF ACTION:

A. ANOTHER STATEMENT BY CARRIE HUNTER AND EMILIE BERGMANN TO BE RELEASED ON SATURDAY, 12 JULY; AND

B. THAT THE REPLY TO THE STEVEN SMITH LETTER SHOULD COME FROM ME.

3. REASON FOR ACTION PROPOSED IN A ABOVE IS BELIEF THAT PRP LOOKING FOR ONE FINAL, ADDITIONAL CONDITION WHICH MAY BE SATISFIED BY THE TEXT OF RELEASED STUDENTS' STATEMENT. REASONING
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BEHIND B ABOVE IS TO PROVIDE SMITH, WHO NOW ALONE AND PROBABLY

FEELING NEARLY ABANDONED, WITH A REPLY FROM THE HIGHEST RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN THE AREA. I APPRECIATE DEPT'S PROBLEMS IN HAVING AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN SAY ANYTHING ON THIS DELICATE SUBJECT, BUT I DO BELIEVE THERE IS MERIT IN MY DOING SO UTILIZING THE CAREFULLY WORDED MESSAGE SUBMITTED BELOW FOR DEPT CONCURRENCE.

4. TEXT OF MY LETTER FOLLOWS:

QTE LETTER TO KENNETH STEVEN SMITH

I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF 8 JULY WHICH REACHED KIGOMA THE MORNING OF 11 JULY. ALL OF US ARE HEARTENED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. BE ASSURED THAT YOUR PARENTS, EMILIE AND CARRIE, PROFESSOR HAMBURG, THE BRYCESONS AND THIS EMBASSY ARE DEVOTING OURSELVES TO YOUR EARLY AND SAFE RETURN.

I MUST EXPRESS, HOWEVER, OUR COLLECTIVE DISAPPOINTMENT AT YOUR NOT HAVING BEEN RETURNED ALONG WITH CARRIE AND EMILIE AS WE WERE ASSURED YOU WOULD BE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRP. THE PARENTS, ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, CAME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PRP WHICH CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF THE THREE OF YOU. THE SECOND DISAPPOINTMENT OCCURRED WHEN YOU WERE NOT RELEASED, AGAIN AS PROMISED, FOUR DAYS AFTER EMILIE AND CARRIE WERE RETURNED.

AND NOW THE PRP, AFTER HAVING FAILED TO KEEP ITS WORD ON TWO EARLIER OCCASIONS, IS ASKING US TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS BEFORE RELEASING YOU. THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO IN VIEW OF THE EARLIER FAILURES.

IN ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRP IT WAS STRESSED WE COULD NOT DEMAND AND REQUIRE OF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY RELEASE PRP REPRESENTATIVES. HOWEVER, IT WAS POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY BY MR. BRYCESON AND OTHERS THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY ON THE PRISONER ISSUE ONCE THE STUDENTS WERE RELEASED UNHARMED. THIS HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED AGAIN TODAY. THE ISSUE OF PRISONERS WAS DISCUSSED IN DAVID HAMBURG'S LETTER TO ALFRED NONDO, AND HE ALSO MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF PUBLICITY AT THE SAME TIME, SAYING THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WERE READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED-- IMMEDIATELY UPON YOUR RELEASE. HAMBURG ASSURES ME THAT THIS IS STILL THE CASE.
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IN CONSUL MACFARLANE'S LETTER TO YOU WRITTEN AT THE SAME TIME, THE POSITION ON PRISONERS AND PUBLICITY WAS REPEATED.

AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF GOOD FAITH AND AT YOUR REQUEST, CARRIE AND EMILIE ARE ISSUING A PRESS STATEMENT OVER THE WEEKEND, A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED.

WE NOW ASK, ONCE MORE, THAT THE PRP RELEASE YOU IMMEDIATELY SO
THAT YOU CAN JOIN YOUR FATHER IN KIGOMA AND THE REST OF US WHO
AWAIT YOU IN DAR ES SALAAM.
W. BEVERLY CARTER UNQTE

5. TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT WHICH GIRLS WILL RELEASE IS:
QTE STATEMENT BY CARRIE JANE HUNTER AND EMILIE BERGMANN

AMBASSADOR CARTER HAS SHARED WITH US HIS LETTER RECEIVED TODAY FROM
OUR FRIEND, STEVE SMITH. WE ARE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT
THE PRP IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENT TO
RELEASE STEVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS CONFIRMS THE IMPRESSION
WE FORMED WHILE AMONG THEM THAT THE PRP IS A WELL-ORGANIZED
PARTY COMPOSED OF IDEALISTIC PEOPLE WHO BASICALLY WANT TO KEEP
THEIR WORD. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO
TREAT STEVE WELL, AS THEY TREATED US WELL.

WHILE WE WERE WITH THE PRP, WE LEARNED HOW, THROUGH SEVEN YEARS OF
A DEDICATED REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, THE PRP HAS ACTIVELY EDUCATED
THE PEOPLE TO BECOME POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS AND DISCIPLINED MEMBERS
OF THEIR SOCIETY. WHEN STEVE IS RELEASED WE WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN WITH HIM AND BARBARA SMUTS TO TELL THE WORLD MORE OF WHAT
WE LEARNED IN OUR MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRP. UNQTE

6. REQUEST DEPT REACT ASAP BY NIACT IMMEDIATE BECAUSE OF LENGTH
OF TIME REQUIRED IN ENCODING RADIO TRANSMISSIONS TO KIGOMA AND
NEED FOR FRENCH TRANSLATIONS SO SMITH CAN SHARE REPLY WITH PRP.
WE HOPE TO HAVE THIS IN HAND FOR MACFARLANE EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT
HE CAN DECODE ON HIS END AND THEN TYPE MESSAGE.
CARTER

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